

## TRUCE BELIEVED IN OPERATION BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

VERA CRUZ IS  
RETURNED TO  
MEXICAN LAW

But Rules Will be Admin-  
istered by Officers of  
United States.

## PRISONERS ARE FREED

Inmates of San Juan de Ullua,  
Years in Darkness, Given  
Release by Fletcher.

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 30.—  
THE LATEST REPORTS OF THE  
NUMBER OF AMERICAN CASUAL-  
TIES AT OCCUPATION OF VERA  
CRUZ:

KILLED, 16; WOUNDED, 70.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 30.—Vera  
Cruz went back to civil government  
today, under the laws of Mexico, with  
administration by American officials.  
The civil government, however, re-  
mained subordinate to martial law,  
while the work of restoring the munici-  
pal organization went forward.

General Funston's brigade trooped  
off transports to retrieve Admiral  
Fletcher's bluejackets, who went back  
to the men-of-war. Funston estab-  
lished headquarters in the barracks  
deserted by General Maas.

Refugees continue to arrive. Consul  
Canada's advice indicated General  
Maas was far inland close to Mexico  
City.

Release of prisoners from water-  
seal dungeons at Fort San Juan de  
Ullua, where many came forth blinded  
from years spent in darkness, was a  
question of the character and atti-  
tude of the United States. Shops  
scarred by rifle balls are busy again  
reaping a harvest of foreign invasion  
gains. Women walk again safely  
abroad.

Tales of Horror Verified.  
Rear Admiral Fletcher decided to  
remove all prisoners from the fortress  
of San Juan de Ullua, after an inspec-  
tion of the place 1-4 been made by  
Commander H. C. Stickney, inspector  
of the port and the customs and by  
officers especially detailed for that  
work.

The inspection by the American au-  
thorities verified the tales that had  
been written and told for generations  
of the terrible conditions prevailing  
there. Many dungeons were below the  
water line when the tide was run-  
ning in, at which time the inmates,  
many of whom were half blind on  
account of their long incarceration in  
semi-darkness, were drenched. Other  
dungeons were so constructed that it  
was impossible for the victims to lie  
down. Ancient devices of torture were  
discovered and there was evidence  
that these recently had been in use.

Among those held in confinement  
were men once of prominence but  
whose names now have been almost  
forgotten; men who had been there  
so long that their minds were blank  
and men so enfeebled by the treat-  
ment they had received as to insure  
their transfer to hospitals instead of  
to prisons.

Introduced By Spaniards.  
Each succeeding administration per-  
petrated the use of the ancient fort-  
ress as a prison—a use to which it  
was put by the Spaniards. The late  
Francisco I. Madero, inspected the  
prison just prior to his taking charge  
of the government at Mexico City. He  
was horrified by what he saw and  
declared his first official act would  
be the removal of the prisoners and  
the conversion of the fortress into an  
arsenal. He did go so far as partially  
to prepare military prisons at a point  
a short distance from Vera Cruz, to  
which he talked of removing the  
prisoners, but his promise to clean out  
the prison was one of his promises  
which he found impossible to keep.

Commander Stickney was ordered  
to take over the prison with its shops  
and everything else pertaining to it.  
Such ship work as required by Mex-  
ico's navy had been done there for  
the handling of and providing for  
the poor of Vera Cruz also was taken  
in hand. The poor were beginning to  
suffer for want of food when the Amer-  
ican naval forces undertook the task  
of providing for them. Not desirous,  
however, of pauperizing them, work  
of a public character has been pro-  
vided for the majority of the needy.

COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF  
SHAFROTH'S AMENDMENT

Washington, D. C., April 30.—The  
senate woman suffrage committee to-  
day voted to recommend favorably the  
Shafroth constitutional amendment re-  
quiring a state to vote on woman suf-  
frage when 8 per cent of the voters pe-  
titioned for such a vote.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.  
Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday,  
continuing cool; gentle northerly  
breezes becoming variable.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 44. Highest  
yesterday 56; lowest last night 43.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 8 miles  
per hour.  
Precipitation none.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 73; at  
7 a. m. 84.  
Stage of water 4.9, a rise of .2 in  
last 24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn.  
Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter, Sir-  
ius (Dog Star), constellation Canis Ma-  
jor, sets due southwest in the early  
evening.

FIND MORE BODIES  
IN ECCLES SHAFT

Some of Those Recovered Burn-  
ed Beyond Recognition—  
Search Continues.

Eccles, W. Va., April 30.—Fifty  
trained miners today sought the bod-  
ies of 172 miners entombed in the New  
River collieries mine Tuesday. Six  
bodies were found burned beyond rec-  
ognition and a number of others were  
located. There is no indication that  
any of the miners escaped the explo-  
sion or the deadly after-damp.

MANZANILLO NOT  
UNDER SHIP FIRE

Admiral Howard Sends a Denial  
of Reported Bombardment  
to Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—A re-  
port from Mexico City that the port of  
Manzanillo on the Pacific coast had  
been bombed by an American war-  
ship was denied at the White house.  
A confabulation believed of incendiary  
origin, occurred, but the American  
fleet had nothing to do with it.

Referring to the Manzanillo report,  
Howard's message said: "Unfounded.  
There was no bombardment at Manzan-  
illo. We were not even there."

A report that American marines  
landed at Salina Cruz was also de-  
nied.

Federals and constitutionalists are  
fighting at Mazatlan and Acapulco, ac-  
cording to Howard, commanding the  
Pacific fleet. Reported news of medi-  
ation "through South American en-  
voys" was favorably received by the  
better class of citizens of Mazatlan.  
The message was sent through the  
lines to the constitutionalists.

REBELS CONTROL  
NORTH FRONTIER

Four Strategic Garrisons Are  
Taken, Embracing 800 Miles  
of Territory.

Brownsville, Tex., April 30.—For the  
first time in the present revolution the  
constitutionalists today were in con-  
trol of the entire northern frontier of  
Mexico, 800 miles in length, including  
four strategic garrisons at Juarez,  
Matamoros, Nuevo Leon and Piedras  
Negras. The last two were occupied  
last week without resistance.

ILLINOIS ROOTERS CHEER  
WINNERS TRACK EVENTS

Urbana, Ill., April 30.—Three thou-  
sand Illinois rooters last night cheered  
the Illinois track heroes in the Penn  
games when a formal presentation of  
trophies was made in the auditorium.  
Captain Sanders, Tapping, Henderson  
and Goetz, the two-mile relay team,  
and Harley Butt, victor in the discus  
throw, were seated on the platform.  
Captain Sanders presented to Profes-  
sor G. A. Goodenough, representing the  
board of athletic control, the two-mile  
championship banner. In today's ball  
practice Coach Huff indicated a possi-  
bility of further shifts in the infield,  
despite the Illinois victory at Lafay-  
ette Tuesday.

SUF PETITION IS  
THROWN AT KING

London, Eng., April 30.—While King  
George was driving in a motor car  
through Cambridge today a suffragette  
threw at his majesty a petition calling  
for votes for women. The package  
struck the chauffeur.

ARMY MEN IN  
CHARGE MINE  
WARREGIONS

Strikers in Colorado Are  
Asked to Surrender  
Weapons to Military

## NIGHT IS WILDEST YET

Unburied Bodies and Property  
Ruins Dot Hills and Canons  
of Two Counties.

PEORIA, ILL., APRIL 30.—THE  
ILLINOIS DISTRICT CONVENTION  
OF THE UNITED MINE WORKERS  
OF AMERICA TODAY PASSED A  
RESOLUTION ASKING THE INTER-  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF  
MINEWORKERS TO REQUEST THE  
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LA-  
BOR TO CALL A GENERAL STRIKE  
IN THE UNITED STATES IN PRO-  
TEST OF THE COLORADO TROU-  
BLES.

Denver, Colo., April 30.—Occupation  
of Las Animas and Fremont counties  
by federal troops, continuance of ne-  
gotiations between the militia and strik-  
ers at Walsenburg for the surrender  
of the latter's arms, taking of addi-  
tional testimony at Trinidad at the  
coroner's inquest into the Ludlow dis-  
aster April 20, were the chief events in  
the Colorado industrial war today.

Trinidad, Colo., April 30.—Prelimi-  
naries of peace in the southern Colo-  
rado strike zone arranged for today  
included a conference between Major  
Holbrook of the Federal cavalry and  
representatives of the miners.

Trinidad, Colo., April 30.—Not since  
the days of Indian warfare has war  
been so close to the heart of Colorado  
as it did last night. With un-  
buried bodies and blackened ruins of  
mines dotting the hills and canons of  
Las Animas and Huerfano counties,  
thousands of non-combatants were  
awake, waiting breathlessly for news  
of the next outbreak of the war of  
mine guards and militia with an army  
of coal miners.

The events of the day added im-  
measurably to the horror of the situa-  
tion. Early in the morning the bat-  
tle at Forbes, a scant 12 miles from  
Trinidad, stretched seven company em-  
ployees and an unknown number of  
strikers dead in the canon. In Huer-  
fano county, firing at the mines con-  
tinued throughout most of the day.  
The only fatality certainly known was  
the killing of Major F. P. Lester of  
the hospital corps.

With the promise of federal troops  
in the district before daybreak, resi-  
dents of the southern counties hoped  
for an early restoration of peace in  
the strike zone.

After the Ludlow tent colony had  
been almost entirely destroyed by fire  
on Monday night, militiamen visited  
the scene early Tuesday morning,  
soaked the remaining tents with kero-  
sene and set them on fire. These ac-  
cusations were contained in the tes-  
timony offered before the coroner's  
jury yesterday by Dr. A. Harvey of  
Agua, a doctor for the United Mine  
Workers of America. His evidence  
threw no light on the original cause  
of the fire that destroyed the tent  
colony on Monday night.

## Martine in Guard Protest.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Ad-  
dressing the senate on his bill to make  
it a criminal offense to employ mine  
guards, Martine of New Jersey said  
it was high time that the senate take  
steps to stop the "monstrous propo-  
sition of Colorado mine owners arming  
thugs to shoot men, women and chil-  
dren like dogs in a kennel."

## Anarchists Wire Wilson.

New York, April 30.—The Anti-Mil-  
itarist league of the anarchists, of  
which Alexander Berkman is chair-  
man, announced last evening that it  
is busy on the Colorado situation. Berk-  
man said he sent the following tele-  
gram early in the day to President  
Wilson at Washington:

"President Wilson: We will hold  
you personally responsible for the  
strikers' bloodshed by federal troops  
for the protection of Rockefeller's  
profits."

"We already have sent money to  
the local of the striking miners at Co-  
lorado, and if necessary will send wea-  
pons and ammunition," he continued,  
"but that will be a matter on which  
the Denver local of the United Mine  
Workers will advise us."

WELSH OR CROSS UNABLE  
TO COPE WITH RITCHIE

Los Angeles, April 30.—Local crit-  
ics and fans who saw Freddie Welsh  
and Leach Cross fight twenty rounds  
here Tuesday night expressed their  
opinion as how neither Cross nor  
Welsh, the latter the winner, can give  
Willie Ritchie, the lightweight cham-

## GETTING HUERTA--A JUNGLE DREAM

CARRANZA TO  
LEND HAND TO  
AVERT CRISIS

Rebel General Officially  
Accepts Invitation to  
Join in Mediation.

## NO MENTION OF STRIFE

Bringing All Elements Affected  
by Mexican Troubles  
Within Range.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—  
BRYAN ANNOUNCED HE HAD  
NOTIFIED THE SOUTH AMERICAN  
MEDIATORS THIS MORNING  
"WOULD ASSUME THERE WOULD  
BE NO HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE  
HUERTA GOVERNMENT DURING  
THE PROGRESS OF MEDIATION."

Washington, April 30.—It was as-  
serted here on unquestionable author-  
ity that the South American envoys,  
seeking to avert a crisis in Mexico,  
have appealed to European govern-  
ments for friendly offices to facilitate  
mediation between Mexico and the  
United States. The appeal, it was  
stated, did not include a request, as  
reported from abroad, that the powers  
use their influence upon President  
Wilson to name conditions which  
would insure success of negotiations.  
Carranza's acceptance of the invita-  
tion to enter the preliminaries of pro-  
posed mediation was confirmed early  
today. Carranza made no reference  
to Mexico's internal strife. It is believed  
the next move of the South American  
envoys will be a request for an armis-  
tice between Huerta and the northern  
rebels, thus bringing within range all  
elements affected by the long strife in  
Mexico.

The diplomatic situation continued  
to overshadow interest in the plans of  
the army and navy for future devel-  
opments. Assumption of supreme com-  
mand at Vera Cruz by General Fun-  
ston was the feature of the day in the  
southern field, and provisions for hun-  
dreds of refugees arriving at United  
States points and care of those who  
still remain in Mexico kept military  
officials busy. The constitutionalists'  
attack on Tampico continued today  
and American Consul Miller is arrang-  
ing to turn over affairs to the British  
consul.

Request Bears Fruit.  
The request to the powers, it is de-  
clared, already has borne fruit, as sev-  
eral diplomatic representatives of  
European nations have consulted with  
Bryan with relation to negotiations.  
It is believed here that any step taken  
by European governments probably  
would be limited to emphasizing the  
hope that mediation would be success-  
ful and their desire to facilitate this  
purpose. There is no desire, it is said,  
on the part of these governments to  
interfere with the policy of Wilson.  
President Wilson indicated to callers  
he was hopeful of the situation.

## Truce Believed in Force.

The acceptance by Carranza of the  
principle of mediation, after he con-  
ferred with Villa, is regarded in ad-  
ministration circles as significant.  
With the exception of the constitution-  
alist forces, a general truce, as de-  
sired by the mediators, is believed to  
be in operation, although its terms  
have not been defined, or in fact has  
there been any formal acceptance by  
any of the principals. There has been  
no definite reply by the United States,  
because it is first desired to ascer-  
tain the intentions of Huerta. In the  
war department it was stated there  
was no present intention of attacking  
the Mexicans, if our troops and ma-  
rines at Vera Cruz are left alone, and  
no attempt made to tilt American  
civilians. The same holds true in  
naval circles.

## Consuls Ordered Back to Posts.

One of the hopeful signs of the sit-  
uation was instructions issued today  
by the state department to certain  
consuls in Mexico authorizing them to  
return to their posts and resume their  
duties. "In their personal discretion"  
consuls were recently ordered to turn  
their affairs over to other govern-  
ments.

## Argentine Favors Peace Move.

Buenos Aires, April 30.—Newspapers  
of Buenos Aires continue to comment  
favorably on what they describe as the  
"evident desire of Washington to  
show a spirit of fairness in its rela-  
tions with the republics of South and  
Central America. La Prensa says:  
"Mediation of Argentina in the Mexi-  
can difficulty makes it incumbent upon  
the Argentine people to observe com-  
plete neutrality and to cooperate by  
an attitude of perfect impartiality in  
this noble work of peace."

SENATE REACHED  
BY TOLLS REPEAL

Canals Committee Members Add  
Another Round to Victory to  
Wilson Supporters.

## PLAN IS TO RUSH MEASURE

One Amendment Provides That Treaty  
Rights of United States Shall  
Not Be Affected.

Washington, April 30.—Adminis-  
tration leaders yesterday won the second  
round of the fight to repeal the tolls  
exemption provision of the Panama  
canal act when the senate canals com-  
mittee, by a vote of 8 to 6, ordered  
the house bill carrying the repeal re-  
ported to the senate.

Coupled with the bill will be reported  
an amendment proposed by Senator  
Simmons and approved by the com-  
mittee, which reads as follows:  
"Provided, that neither the passage  
of this act, nor anything therein con-  
tained, shall be construed or held as  
waiving, impairing or affecting any  
treaty or other right possessed by the  
United States."

This amendment has been seen by  
President Wilson, and is said to have  
his approval. Administration leaders  
are confident that with it attached  
the repeal bill will be passed by the  
senate, and some senators opposed to  
repeal agreed with this view.

## Adverse Efforts Defeated.

All efforts made in the committee  
yesterday to report the house bill ad-  
versely were defeated, as were ef-  
forts to attach other amendments or  
to report a substitute for the bill itself.  
The report of the committee will be  
made without recommendation, and  
the scene of the fight for and against  
repeal will be shifted to the floor.  
Chairman O'Gorman, for the com-  
mittee, expected to report the bill with  
the amendment late today, and in ac-  
cordance with the committee's direc-  
tion will ask that it be placed on the  
senate calendar.

Senator Simmons, credited with  
leadership of the forces aligned with  
President Wilson for repeal, will ask  
that the bill be made the unfinished  
business of the senate, and if this sug-  
gestion is agreed to the battle will be-  
gin at once.

Senator Simmons said last night he  
believed the great interest in the sub-  
ject throughout the country warranted  
an effort on the part of the senate to  
dispose of it as quickly as possible.

## Follow Tariff Lines.

Administration leaders hope to con-  
duct this fight along the lines follow-  
ing in putting through the tariff and  
currency bills. If this is adhered to  
the attention of the senate will be  
directed as closely as possible to the  
tolls matter and after a debate of a  
few weeks a vote will be reached.

A motion by Senator Thomas to re-  
port the bill favorably with the Sim-  
mons amendment was beaten, 9 to 5.  
Senator Bristow quickly made a mo-  
tion to report the bill as amended ad-  
versely, which was beaten, 8 to 5.

The vote on the motion of Senator  
Thomas to report the bill without

## recommendation with the Simmons

amendment was 8 to 6.

The substitute proposed by Senator  
Walsh, which would allow a determina-  
tion of the right to exempt American  
ships under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty  
by the United States supreme court,  
was defeated, 8 to 6.

470 REFUGEES ON  
BATTLESHIP LAND

Americans Reaching Galveston  
From Vera Cruz Caught by  
a Heavy Rain.

Galveston, Texas, April 30.—Four  
hundred and seventy refugees were  
released today from quarantine on the  
battleship Connecticut, which brought  
them here last Sunday from Vera  
Cruz and Tampico. Disembarking pro-  
ceeded slowly and it was late in the  
morning before the last refugee was  
brought ashore in launches that trans-  
ferred them from the Connecticut  
anchored in the lower harbor to the  
Galveston piers. A heavy rain fell and  
the refugees huddled on the open  
decks of transfer boats, were drenched.  
Dry clothing was bought at local  
stores and preparations made by most  
to depart for their homes on the first  
trains.

Forty-four army aviators who reached  
Galveston on a special train from  
San Diego, Cal., prepared for scout-  
ing duty in Mexico expected to be sent  
to Vera Cruz on the next transport.  
Three biplanes were on the train and  
three additional machines are on the  
way from a factory.

HUNGER STRIKE IS  
SINCLAIR THREAT

Author and Women Companions  
Refuse to Pay Fine for  
Disorderly Conduct.

New York, April 30.—Upton Sin-  
clair and four women found guilty of  
disorderly conduct in front of the office  
of young Rockefeller, yesterday, were  
given the alternative of \$3 fine or three  
days in jail. Sinclair, Mrs. Lettner and  
Mrs. Freeman refused to pay the fine.  
Sinclair told the court he was very  
near a physical breakdown and would  
start a hunger strike.

## Hilton Defeats Ouimet.

Sunningdale, England, April 30.—  
Hilton, British amateur champion, to-  
day made low score in play for the  
gold illustrated golf vase. He defeated  
his partner, Francis Ouimet, American  
open champion, 74 to 83.

LILLIAN NORDICA  
SAID TO BE DYING

Batavia, Java, April 30.—Madam Lil-  
lian Nordica, the operatic star, who ar-  
rived here quite ill a month ago, has  
had a relapse and is sinking. The  
doctors have given up hope.